

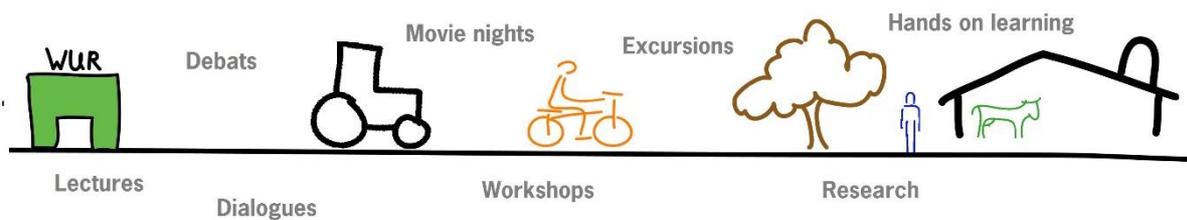
# WORK PLAN 2019

## *Circular Agriculture*

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## *The Way Forward?*

STICHTING BOERENGROEP  
(PEASANT FOUNDATION)





In the autumn of 2018 the Dutch minister of agriculture Carola Schouten wrote a new vision on agriculture where she introduces her aim to focus on circularity in Dutch agriculture. Boerengroep will follow the developments around circular agriculture in 2019 and organise events where we analyse possibilities and challenges to transform Dutch agriculture towards a more circular model. This leads to the main theme of 2019: '*Circular Agriculture - the way forward?*'

In summer 2018 Wageningen professor Han Wiskerke was involved in the biggest survey amongst agrarians in the Netherlands of all times leading to a National Agriculture Debate. Very striking findings of the survey were that '90% of the farmers believe that farmers should be able to survive financially without subsidies' and that '80% of the farmers want to move towards more environmental friendly farming methods'. Boerengroep will follow the developments around this debate which is expected to continue in 2019. Issues that arise in this debate are favoured as subject to Boerengroep events.

*Continuously we see new agricultural practices arising from the field based on agro-ecological principles. Agroecology can be seen as a scientific discipline, agricultural principle and practice, and/or political or social movement (Wezel, 2009). Working with basic ecological principles for how to study, design and manage agroecosystems that are productive, natural resource conserving as well as culturally sensitive, socially just and economically viable (Altieri, 1995). It is a way to address this agricultural and social inequality. By offering new farming techniques, alternative organisational models and ways of thinking, peasants and small farmers are getting organised and more independent of excessive external inputs.*

In 2019, we look forward to continue to study and discuss all those different meanings of the term agroecology with students, researchers and all interested partners. Thereby encouraging people to get familiar with the concept and its possibilities and being able to look from an agroecological perspective at current global developments.

During the previous four years Boerengroep became an interdisciplinary, international group, with active members from all over the world. We are supervising international students, and work together with a growing amount of NGOs, Foundations, farmers unions, researchers, film makers and human rights organizations. Boerengroep is part of an international network of farmers, peasants, shepherds, fisherman, pastoralists and NGOs, organizations, foundations and activist groups. We are broadening our network in order to bring different opinions, viewpoints and challenges to the Wageningen University.

We will keep on bridging science, practice and movement. We bring students to the field, and farmers to the lecture rooms of the university. We make sure that students – the future policy makers, researchers, lecturers and policy makers – develop a critical view on the food production chain, in order to work towards food sovereignty for the future.

Kind Regards,

Stichting Boerengroep – Peasant Foundation

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## Introduction Boerengroep and Inspiringtheater

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Since 1971, Stichting Boerengroep (*Peasant Foundation*) aims to connect the university (students, research and education) with the reality and challenges of farmers and peasants in the Netherlands and worldwide. “*The education at the university was very theoretical and moreover it often gave a wrong impression of the reality of farmers and peasants*” – Jan Douwe van der Ploeg, one of the founders of the Boerengroep. Therefore de Boerengroep started to conduct interviews with farmers. These interviews were then taken into the university where researchers were questioned and stimulated to conduct research on the true needs of farmers in reality. In 1971, a massive demonstration took place. Half a million farmers were on the streets to protest against the low prices – the Boerengroep was there to support them. Until the moment of today, the Boerengroep is still fighting for social, just and sustainable food production. We do this by bringing students into the fields and farmers into lecture rooms at the university.



**Figure 1** Big demonstration by farmers and peasants in Brussels, 1971

By bridging agriculture-related forms of science, practice and movement, Boerengroep contributes towards the development of a critical view on reality by students – the future policy makers, researchers and teachers. We stimulate students to work together in interdisciplinary and international groups, with many different actors which all have different realities and different types of knowledge. We realize this by organizing critical discussions, field excursions, *capita selecta* courses, lectures and exchanges. Also, we listen to the voices of the food producers and take their challenges – as well as their innovative practices - to the university, as a way to work towards a fair and sustainable food production system in the world. We connect all these people and we actively search for research questions from the field: from peasants, farmers and gardeners. Our strength is thus to bridge the gap between science and reality and this is of crucial

importance at a university. Thanks to Boerengroep, it is ensured that students will not lose their critical view and connection to reality, which is an important characteristic of the scientist. Irene Cardoso (professor of Soil Science at the Federal University of Vicosa, Brazil and vice-president of the Brazilian Agroecology Association) explains about the importance of our activities:

*"What I like about it [the international summer course of Boerengroep], is the way that the students can be connected to the reality, but in a way that they feel free to become part of this reality."*

Pablo Tiltonell (former professor Farming Systems Ecology, Wageningen University and current coordinator of the National Program on Natural Resources, Environment and Eco-Regions of the National and Agricultural Research Institute of Argentina) adds to this:

*"It is important that students develop a different dimension in a way that they learn about agriculture and agroecology. For instance, a classical example is how a crop, or a plant, responds to the additional nutrients. So you can go to your lectures in the university and first of all the two axis are always there. On those axis you have for instance how much Nitrogen there [x-axis] and how much the plant grows [y axis] and there is a nice curve. Well try to find that somewhere in reality. It is completely different. First, because there's not only two axis, there are many many more. And second, because there's so much variabilities, so much heterogeneities, so many other things going on, and that gives you a multidimensional perspective of how things are. Still, when you go back to the classroom, and you sit there, we're going to ask you about this curve and you are going to have to know this. But you will know this, together with what you have seen in the field. So you can judge that knowledge, those models of reality, with a different eye once you've seen things in the field."*

Boerengroep aims to:

- Approach agricultural topics from different angles: connecting social science with natural science; academic theories with practical challenges and innovations;
- Highlight the (im)possibilities and challenges that farmers, peasants and gardeners face;
- Create understanding for diversity of opinions and stimulate a critical attitude towards your own position;
- Stimulate transparency of the food production chain to support a critical attitude of consumers, farmers, researchers and students;
- Realize fair and vital agriculture by:
  - visualizing the situation of farmers today and in the future through knowledge exchange amongst farmers, students, consumers, and professionals
  - stimulating local economies, in order to improve the position of the food producers
  - Building, defending and strengthening agroecology and Food Sovereignty to Inform, experience, discuss, facilitate, publish, and activate in order to shed light on present-day issues in agriculture. In this way, Boerengroep and Jump-in Theatre wish to stimulate a critical attitude towards agriculture and food.

## Partners of Boerengroep

In order to work towards social, just and sustainable food production, Boerengroep works together with many different partners, among which:

- **PhDers and students** of Wageningen University, in order to support them with the organization of events they find important to address, e.g. a symposium or movie screening;
- **Chairgroups** at the Wageningen University, like Rural Sociology Group (RSO) and Farming Systems Ecology (FSE). We are always in close contact with chairgroups in order to discuss about thesis topics, internship opportunities and organizations of events and courses. We are supervising on average 2 interns with Boerengroep, so that students have a place to work on topics they find important to share with others, while gaining work experience, broadening their professional network and having the informative opportunity within an international organization with over 40 years of experience. Moreover, we are actively involved in offering thesis topics to students, that are related to agriculture related challenges of the realities that peasants, farmers, gardeners and indigenous communities face.
- **Organizations**, like VoedselAnders, Toekomstboeren, ASEED, Milieudefensie, GreenActive Netork (GAN) and SlowFood;
- **Foundations**, like RUW, Otherwise, Stichting Heideboerderij, Stichting Herenboeren, Van Akker Naar Bos
- **International research and advocacy institutes**, like TNI, Louis Bolk Institute;
- **International human rights organizations**, like FIAN;
- **Educational Institutes** like Warmonderhof and VHL;
- **Farmers Unions**, united in platform Aarde Boer Consument (ABC; 'Earth Farmer, Consumer'), of which we are part as well. ABC unites farmers/peasant organizations (Nederlandse Akkerbouw Vakbond (NAV), Nederlandse Melkveehouders Vakbond (NMV) and Vereniging voor Biologisch Dynamische Landbouw), with the X min Y Solidariteitsfonds and the Women's International League for Peace and Freedom (WILPF).  
The goal of ABC is to work together towards a social and economically sustainable agriculture. According to our vision, that is an agriculture that strives towards regionally closed cycles, and takes into account human rights, the environment, animal welfare, and a healthy soil. Also, peasants/farmers should receive a fair price for their products. In order to reach these goals, ABC argues that food and agriculture should not be part of the free market and that the production of several agricultural products should be regulated, so that a fair income is guaranteed, both here in the Netherlands, as well as in the rest of the world.

Together we organize:

- **critical discussions, lectures, dialogues** about agricultural topics, both practical topics as well as political topics related to farming and food production;
- **capita selecta courses** at the Wageningen University, like the international 3 ECTS summer course Farm Experience Internship;
- **field trips** to farms and gardens throughout the Netherlands;
- **excursions and exchange programs abroad**, like to the Agroecology Forum in Lyon
- **research mediation** between university (researchers, students, education) and the needs of peasants, farmers and gardeners in the Netherlands and abroad. Boerengroep stimulates others to provide us with research questions and their challenges. We can then find students who can work on this as their internship or thesis;

- **working Groups.** Together with the RSO chairgroup we stimulate students to organize events of their own interest, related to food production and the reality of food producers. This is partly done via 'Farmers Tales';
- **conferences**, like [Voedsel Anders](#);
- **markets**, like [Reclaim the Seeds](#);
- **interviews with farmers.** In cooperation with Toekomstboeren, Boerengroep members often go to the field to conduct interviews with farmers on topics like access to land, innovative ways of farming, agroecological approaches etc.;
- **interactive theatre, 'Inspringtheater'**, which is an important part of St. Boerengroep. The Inspringtheater provides students a critical view on developments in agriculture in an interactive form of theatre.

## FINANCES

Boerengroep mainly receives finances in the form of subsidies. **Wageningen University** is the main important source of subsidies, which we mainly use for structural costs. Of these subsidies the two coordinators (one of Boerengroep and one of the Jump-in Theatre) are paid, our structural costs and several of our activities.

The **Commissie Aanvragen Subsidies (CAS)** of the Wageningen University kindly supports us financially as well, so that we can cover the costs of excursions, lectures, gifts for speakers, travel costs etc. The Jump-in Theatre mainly covers its own costs via the income of performances and other activities. They also receive financial support from the CAS.

Moreover, the **University Fund Wageningen (UFW)** of the Wageningen University supports us with a financial contribution in order to stimulate the academic development of students. One of the contributions of the University Fund is used for our yearly summer course, the Farm Experience Internship.

As we increased the loan of our coordinators in 2018 in line with inflation, we now have a negative balance in the budget. In order to even the balance out, we will be actively searching for (yearly) funding and subsidies from external sources, and we will look into making Boerengroep merchandise to get more income (e.g. 'Born to be a farmer' T-shirts).

Depending on the kind of activity, Boerengroep also receives financial contribution from partners and sponsors, as well as contribution by students.

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## Boerengroep activities

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Here we will elaborate on the activities that Boerengroep plans to organize in 2019. Note however, that we are working together with partners, researchers, students and we are open to their suggestions as well. Moreover, we align our activities to the challenges from the field, which – of course – cannot always be known in advance. Nevertheless, we always try to realise our planned ideas as much as possible. The budget of 2019 can be found in attachment 1.

### 2.1 ONGOING ACTIVITIES

#### FARMERS' TALES

Farmers' Tales is a platform for dialogue on the practices and politics, narratives and nuances of food production. It's an informal place to meet up with other students, PhD'ers and researchers who are academically engaged with farmers worldwide. We allow ourselves to share the personal side as well as the scientific side of our experiences, in order to inspire and encourage new collaborations. For 2019 we plan 10 farmers' tales in Impulse covering 10 personal stories followed by a dialogue. The budget is for these editions. Also, we plan 6 farmers' tales in Leeuwenborch, no budget is needed for these editions.

What: dialogues  
For: students, peasants, farmers, researchers  
Hours: 50 coordinator / 80 board  
Costs: €250,-

#### BOERENGROEP BREAKS

Since the start of the Academic year 2018/2019 Boerengroep organises 'Boerengroep Breaks' twice a month. The Boerengroep Breaks are an informal space where you can meet up with other students, share ideas and get into dialogue on challenges and new initiatives that farmers engage in in the Netherlands and around the world. They are organised in a cafe in order to have a very low threshold for students to attend.

What: cosy dialogue evening  
For: students, other interested persons  
Hours: 40 coordinator / 160 board  
Costs: no costs

#### SETTING UP LIBRARY

In 2017 we received many books from two retiring professors. This was the spark to organise our archives better and start a physical library. In 2017 we started this, in 2019 we will continue with setting up the library, maintenance and promotion.

What library  
For: students and others interested  
Hours 5 coordinator; 40 board  
Costs; €120,-

## GRASSROOTS SCIENCE

We want to reintroduce the Grassroots Science events in the way they were done in 2007/2008, being evening events with a focus on socially driven alternatives that tackle global problems. Per event we will invite one or two guest speakers who will share from their own experiences. For 2019 we plan 4 events together with 2 other organisations.

What: lectures, film, debate, workshop  
For: students, farmers, researchers, other interested  
Hours: 40 coordinator, 40 board  
Costs: € 360,-

## MOVIE SCREENINGS

Boerengroep uses movie screenings to spread stories of agricultural pioneers, developments towards more sustainable forms of agriculture and other movements in a distinct way. Usually, we do this in cooperation with the local arthouse movie theatre. Although we also organise it on a smaller scale in the Building with the Clock or another space where a beamer is available. We aim to organise 3 movie screenings in 2019.

What: movie screenings on agricultural topics  
For: students and non-students  
Hours: 30 coordinator, 70 board  
Costs: €1000,-  
Earnings: €600,-

## FARMERS' MARKET

A farmers market on Campus is meant to provide a space for local organic farmers and other local entrepreneurs to sell their products and to broaden their customers circle. Also, it is meant for students and wur-employees to become familiar with the farmers, to meet with them and each other and to discuss about the importance of local food production. Through the farmers' markets, students can get informed about where they can get local organic produce and/or join subscription schemes of farmers. We aim to organise a farmers market 2 times a year in cooperation with Otherwise foundation. We will inform and invite local organic farmers of the area of Wageningen.

Depending on the number of Boerengroep volunteers available to organise this event, we will decide whether we add a stand of home-backed snacks to have some earnings for the organisation.

What: market for local organic farmers  
For: students, wur-employees and local farmers  
Hours: 15 coordinator, 32 board

Costs: €330,-  
Earnings: €180,-

## FARM EXCURSIONS

We distinguish 2 different types of excursions with different aims. We intend to organise every year several editions of every type of excursion.

### *EXCURSION TYPE 1: LOCAL (ORGANIC) FARM*

Boerengroep has built good relationships with local organic farmers near to and in Wageningen. We like to take students to the fields to show them different farming styles and to give them the opportunity to meet farmers and have a dialogue with them. Examples of farms we like to visit are: a CSA self harvest garden (Nieuwe Ronde) and a small scale organic garden (Ommuurde Tuin). During this excursions students are encouraged to think about questions such as: Which farming styles do the farmers apply? What is their motive to use this method? How do they treat the soil? How does this practice fit in 'circulair agricultural models'? Can small scale agriculture contribute to food sovereignty? What are the challenges of the gardeners? We plan to organise 5 excursions of type 1 in 2019.

What: excursion  
For: students, PhD's  
Hours: 8 coordinator , 76 board  
Costs: €300,-  
Earnings: €225,-

### *EXCURSION TYPE 2a : INNOVATIVE WAYS OF FOOD PRODUCTION*

One main expertise of the Dutch agri-food sector is intensification. The Netherlands is specialised in very innovative and efficient ways of food production with an high yield per acre. With type 2 excursions, we plan to visit farms that master a type of innovative agriculture such as: greenhouses, urban farming, food forest, aquaponics. Also, we see new 'agro-ecologically' based farms popping up that do things 'differently'. During this excursion students are encouraged to think about questions like: What are the developments in these sectors? How do they contribute to food sovereignty? What are the challenges? Are their acceptance challenges? We plan to organise 3 type 2 excursions in 2019

What: excursion  
For: students, PhD's  
Hours: 20 coordinator , 20 board  
Costs: € 1300  
Earnings: € 565,-

### *EXCURSION TYPE 2b: COMPARE CONVENTIONAL VERSUS ORGANIC*

This type of excursion consists of two visits and a discussion. For 2019 we plan farm visits and visits to agricultural schools. For example, the farm visits can be two dairy farms or two goat farms, one organic and one conventional. We will have a dialogue with the farmers asking them why they farm the way they do. What are their believes and how is this visible in their farming styles. At the second farm, we will have a discussion with the students about what we have seen and experienced. What are the differences and similarities? What is the impact on

soil? Which farm contributes most to food sovereignty? What are the challenges of the farmers?

The excursion to visit two agricultural schools will be going to Dronten where both the Warmonderhof, biodynamic farming school, and one establishment of Aeres, a conventional agricultural school are situated. In both schools we will meet with students and get in dialogue with them. Again, we will have discussions afterwards on the differences and similarities that we came across. How do the education methods look at agro-ecological methods? How do they look at the question of food sovereignty / feeding the world?

What: excursion  
For: students, PhD's  
Hours: 15 coordinator/ 50 board  
Costs: €870,-  
Earnings: €370,-

### MEET & MINGLE GREEN ACTIVE NETWORK (GAN)

The Green Active Network [GAN] is a network of all the green organisations of Wageningen. The mission is to reinforce the green movement and to build a bigger and stronger green community. Of course Boerengroep is part of this network. Every two months a meet & mingle meeting is organized in order for the green organizations to update each other, share ideas, and form working groups whenever desired. In 2019 we expect 5 meet & mingles.

What: communication / promotion  
For: the board  
Hours: 25 coordinator, 45 board  
Costs: no costs

### CONFERENCES, CONGRESSES & FORUMS

As Boerengroep we want to be up to date on topics such as sustainable agriculture, circular (closed cycles) developments, food sovereignty, peasant movements, and agroecology. Conferences such as the Monsanto Tribunal in The Hague, Agroecology Forum in Lyon, the CAP consultation in Brussels, and "Van Akker naar Bos" in Nijmegen, have been attended last year by Boerengroep members. In 2019 we plan to visit approximately 5 conferences of varying size and duration.

What: attending conferences, congresses & forums  
For: the board and coordinator  
Hours: 50 coordinator, 150 board  
Costs: €1325,-

### PLATFORM AARDE BOER CONSUMENT [ABC] MEETINGS / ACTIVITIES

Boerengroep is member in platform ABC, platform Earth, Farmer, Consumer. This platform aims to achieve socially and economically sustainable agriculture. An agriculture in which farmers

produce safe and high-quality healthy food in a responsible manner. Members of this platform come together approximately once per 2 months. Besides the meetings, the coordinator spends time on following current agricultural developments and being engaged in the discussion. In this way the information from farmers can be spread to students.

What: attending meetings & forming a critical opinion  
For: coordinator  
Hours: 50 coordinator  
Costs: €125,-

## COOPERATE WITH LOCAL INITIATIVES

Boerengroep supports local initiatives that work towards more sustainable agriculture and strengthen the local economy. In 2019 we will focus on new collaborations with local food producers in order to strengthen the network of local entrepreneurs and their connectedness to students. Partners that we are considering are 'Stichting Heideboerderij, Toekomstboeren, Eurrijn and 'Wageningen EET Duurzaam'.

What: markets, workshops  
For: students and phd and local entrepreneurs / farmers  
Hours: 80 coordinator; 40 board  
Costs: €270,-

## 2.2 ANNUALLY RECURRING ACTIVITIES

### EXCURSION TO THE BIOVAKBEURS

The Biovakbeurs in Zwolle is a national trade fair where people come together who are active in the organic chain. The fair is an important place to broaden our network and a good opportunity for students to get familiar with the organic market. There are workshops, cooking classes, presentations of product innovations and a lot of space to meet many different actors. At the fair, we connect students with farmers and collect research questions from the field.

What: excursion  
For: students  
Hours: 15 coordinator, 45 board  
Costs: €260,-  
Earnings: €45,-

### RECLAIM THE SEEDS

ASEED organises the yearly recurring event 'Reclaim the Seeds' – a market where about 1000 people come to exchange seeds and discuss about seed related topics such as seed laws, ownership, breeding methods, politics and biodiversity. In 2019 it won't be organised by ASEED, but it most likely will be organised by some of the co-organisers. Boerengroep is co-organiser and we encourage (and supervise) students and interns to be part of the organization which enables them to gain experience in project management.

What: market  
For: students and PhD's  
Hours: 40 coordinator , 40 board  
Costs: €300,-

### FARM EXPERIENCE INTERNSHIP (FEI)

The **Farm Experience Internship** (FEI) is a yearly 3 ECTS international, interdisciplinary summer course at the Wageningen University, which intends to bring together theoretical knowledge from students with practical skills and knowledge from farmers. We organize this course together with the RSO chairgroup of the WUR. The coordination of the course is shared by the Boerengroep coordinator and an intern – in this way, we also train students to set up projects and increase their network. It is preferred to have a working group of 5 people in total. Being involved in coordinating the FEI, encourages students to start up a FEI in their country. In this way, we also link the Wageningen University to other universities around the world.

What: 3 ECTS international,  
interdisciplinary summer  
course  
For: students  
Hours: 150 coordinator , 300 board  
Costs: €2885,-  
Earnings: €2400,-

## ANNUAL INTRODUCTION DAYS (AID)

During the AID of the university, Boerengroep participates by having a stand at the information market where lots of local organisations and student groups are present. Before the AID starts, we dedicate time to design and print flyers and / or other promotion material for Boerengroep and our activities.

What: student introduction days  
For: new students  
Hours: 4 coordinator, 20 board  
Costs: €95,-

## REGREENING

The ReGreening is a weekend organised by the GAN taking place twice a year right after the summer and the winter annual introduction days AID of the university. Opposing the 'ontgroening' of student organisations, it is a weekend with activities, lectures, workshops and excursions for all (new) students interested in sustainability. The goal is to introduce students to all the 'green' organisations, places and initiatives of Wageningen. Boerengroep is part of the organisation and also organises a one day-activity.

What: weekend on sustainability  
For: (new) students  
Hours: 6 coordinator, 60 board  
Costs: €200,-

## GET TO KNOW BOERENGROEP

In the start of the Academic year we organise a special edition of Boerengroep Breaks where interested students can get to know us. The aim of the event is to make them feel welcome and to get familiar with our activities.

What: Boerengroep Break  
For: students interested in becoming active for Boerengroep  
Hours: 6 coordinator; 8 board  
Costs: €50,-

## AGROBIODIVERSITY PARTY

In august 2017 Boerengroep, RUW and Otherwise have organised the first edition of 'Agrobiodiversity', a celebration of (bio)diversity. This celebration consists of a dinner and a party with world music/reggae tunes. The aim is to celebrate 'diversity' together. This event can be organised in Ommuurde Tuin or in Vreemde Streken. We intend to organise 1 party a year.

What: dancing  
For: students  
Hours: 9 coordinator; 18 board  
Costs: €250,-

## SERIOUSLY SUSTAINABLE

Boerengroep participates since 2015 in the 'Seriously Sustainable' a week-long festival surrounding the National Sustainability Day (De Dag van de Duurzaamheid) organised by Green Office. The programme differs every year but it always includes serious and fun activities such as movie screening, lectures and workshop. Boerengroep participates in the Sustainability Market which serves as the opening event for the week and organises one or two other activities.

What: promotional market, workshops, films  
For: students, WUR-employees  
Hours: 10 coordinator, 16 board  
Costs: €50,-

## 2.3 ACTIVITIES AND THEMES FOR 2019

### **THEME: Circular Agriculture - the way forward?**

The main theme of 2019 is '*Circular Agriculture - the way forward?*' Dutch minister of agriculture Carola Schouten wrote a new vision on agriculture in autumn of 2018 where she introduces her aim to focus on circularity in Dutch agriculture. Boerengroep will follow developments around circular agriculture and organise events where we analyse possibilities and challenges to transform Dutch agriculture towards a more circular model.

In summer 2018 Wageningen professor Han Wiskerke was involved in the biggest survey amongst agrarians in the Netherlands of all times. Very striking findings of the survey were that '90% of the farmers believe that farmers should be able to survive financially without subsidies' and that '80% of the farmers wants to move towards more environmental friendly farming methods'. Boerengroep will follow the developments around the National Agriculture Debat which is expected to continue in 2019. Furthermore, important outcomes can be subject of Boerengroep events.

Many of the ongoing and annually recurring events will be devoted to this year's theme thereby focussing more attention to the theme.

### KICK-OFF EVENING CIRCULAR AGRICULTURE THEME

In February 2019 we will organise a fun and informative evening as the official kick-off for our theme of the year. It will be organised in C222, we expect around 200 students. We think about a panel discussion explaining the recent statement the Dutch minister for agriculture Carola Schouten made, what it means for the agricultural sector and how to move forward now. We will invite several high level keynote speakers to join the panel (e.g. Kees van Veluw, Aalt Dijkhuizen, etc.). We plan to co-organise this event with study association 'Veetelers'.

What:	Debate/dialogue
For:	Students, Phd's , other interested
Hours:	50 coordinator; 20 board
Costs:	€430,-

### Workshops around WUR research at experimental fields

The WUR has several research and development locations and experimental farms divided over the Netherlands. In 2019 Boerengroep likes to visit some of the experimental farms with a group of students. The farm visit should include a tour through the farm, discussion on the research that is done and a discussion on the opportunities and challenges to implement the research in reality. During these visits we will focus on the option of including the experiments in an agricultural system based on circularity.

Boerengroep will pay special attention to the newly opened experimental fields where 'agroecology in combination with technology is researched. Including questions like: what options are there for increasing foodsouvereignty? How can we strengthen the local economy? And how does this relate to options for biotech development? Boerengroep likes to organise 2 evenings around this topic.

What: excursion  
For: students and phd's  
Hours: X included in excursion type 2a  
Costs: X included in excursion type 2a

### SIDE EVENT AT A BIG EVENT

Boerengroep organises several times a year a workshop/lecture as side event at another event of an external party. For example, in 2018 this is done as side event during the 100 year WUR conference. It is not yet known how this will look like in 2019. Often, we receive an invitation from third parties to organise an workshop. We intend to do this twice a year.

What: side program for theatre performance  
For: students and others interested  
Hours: 50 coordinator; 40 board  
Costs: €310,-

### DIALOGUES ANALYSING OPTIONS FOR CIRCULAR AGRICULTURE

Follow current agricultural developments especially in the national debates that occur around political statements / news media attention to circular agriculture and organise discussions/dialogues around news items. We expect to organise 3 of such events.

What: debate/ dialogue  
For: students and phd's  
Hours: 10 coordinator; 20 board  
Costs: €40,-

### EXCURSIONS - focusing on Circular Agriculture

An important method to let students gain understanding of possibilities and challenges for circular agriculture is by experiencing farming in practice. We bring students to fields of farmers and let them work along. While being on the field, students get better understanding of the total picture. Therefore, many excursions of type 1, described earlier in this report will be devoted to this year's theme.

In the spring of 2019 Boerengroep plans to organise approximately 4 work a long moments for students to get introduced with practical farming. The work along moments will be optional during an excursion. Students who are very interested are always welcome to return to the farm and get their hands dirty.

What: excursion, practical farming  
For: students and phd's  
Hours: 2 coordinator; 16 board  
Costs: X included in excursion type 1

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## Inspringtheater activities

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### 3.1 ABOUT INSPRINGTHEATER & FORUMTHEATRE

Stichting Inspringtheater (Jump-in Theatre) organizes workshops, courses and produces theatre performances in collaboration with students/employees of Wageningen University. Het Inspringtheater brings creativity in the world of science and uses participatory theatre technics (*Theatre of the Oppressed/Forum Theatre*) to encourage dialogue, critical thinking and empowerment.

Inspringtheater originates from 'Het Boerentoneel' (Farmers theatre), which was founded by Boerengroep in 1972. Theatre plays concerning agricultural issues were performed, followed by substantive discussions. Nowadays we use an applied drama technique and participatory theatre practice created to empower audience individuals to determine social change: *Forum Theatre*.

In Forum Theatre the actors perform a play: a story/situation, with an problem (oppression) going on. After watching this play the audience gets a chance to 'jump in' and try others ways to deal with the problem (oppression). In this way funny and critical plays are made. By participating, audiences are enabled to make decisions, to address critically the issues presented to them and to reflect on the social life within a safe environment offered by the theatrical design.

The founder of this methodology of *Theatre of the Oppressed*, Augusto Boal, worked with peasants in Brazil, which had a huge effect on society by empowering the peasants and farmers. By participating, audiences are enabled to make decisions, to address critically the issues presented to them and to reflect on the social life within a safe environment offered by the theatrical design.



## PLANS FOR 2019

In 2019 Inspiringtheater will continue to bring creativity in the world of science and use participatory theatre technics like *Forum Theatre* to encourage dialogue, critical thinking and empowerment. Hereby we will explain the plans for 2019 of Inspiringtheater. The budget specification of 2019 can be found in attachment 1.

### 3.2 PERFORMANCES

#### NEW PLAYS

Inspiringtheater aims to produce more new scripts for Forum Theatre plays in 2019. This investment is a way to focus on topics that are up-to-date and strongly related to issues Boerengroep cares about. Also it is an investment to get more potential clients and create opportunities to perform. It's more fun, educational and appealing for our actors to perform new plays and to be involved in the interesting process of creating a Forum Theatre script. In this way we want to strenghten to relationship with Boerengroep, with our clients, and with our actors!



What: new scripts for Forum Theatre plays  
By who: director Inspiringtheater, coordinator and actors.  
Costs: €920,- for 1 script  
Expected: 3 new scripts

#### PERFORMING PLAYS

In 2019 Inspiringtheater will continue to perform Forum Theatre plays. Participating in these performances is highly educational for the actors (most of them are students and employees of the WUR). The Forum Theatre technique empowers and learns how to strengthen dialogue about the solved issues in a new way. Participating is fun and relaxing, ideal for international students (English), students with low money (participation is for free) and students with a busy life (one project requires only 4-5 rehearsals).

For our performances we want to use new scripts as well as pre-existing scripts that are interesting to use again. Using old scripts is financial beneficial, next to the investment of producing new scripts this year.

*Existing scripts to use:*

Name play: **Chilly Climate/ How am i ever going to finish my PHD?!**  
Topic: Many PHD students experience moments of doubt, irritation or even despair during their PHD. This performance deals with the main challenges in communicating and collaborating with PHD colleagues, daily supervisor and professor.

Name play: **Tiramisu**  
Topic: Agrarian problems within families. Through the show we can make issues surrounding takeover and financial issues with students negotiable. This presentation focuses on agricultural students considering the takeover of their agricultural family business.

Name play: **Dealing with stress**  
Topic: We all have to deal with pshysical and emotional stress in a certain way. The performance shows 3 different persons dealing with pressure and shows the emotions that come with this.

## JOKERS

During the rehearsals for our performances we educate participants how to be a joker. The joker/facilitator has an important role in making a performance successful. Next to the rehearsals we want to educate new jokers in separate meetings. At this moment we are in lack of jokers. To keep the quality of our performances high in 2019 we want to invite extern jokers to join us. For our potential new jokers it's educational to see an experienced joker in action.

What: meetings, lecture and training.  
Costs; €700,-

## 3.3 MORE ACTIVITIES

### ENERGIZERS LUNCH BREAKS WUR

Everybody is busy these days, and stressed! To energize & support students and employees and to create more publicity for Inspringtheater, we organise short energizers sessions during lunch breaks in Forum/Leeuwenborch. This way we aim to bring more creativity in world of science and show ways how to use theatre techniques (games).



- What: 20-30 minute sessions with energizers and relaxation (using theatre games) during lunch breaks.
- By who: coordinator, trainer, and enthusiastic volunteers.
- Costs: €250,- for 12 sessions.

## LECTURE

The methodology of *Theatre of the Oppressed* and *Forum Theatre* is unknown to a lot of people. Next to that we experience some students are *afraid* to join in practicing theatre themselves. Because we believe this methodology is interesting to learn about, especially for students in Wageningen (social studies, international development) we want to spread the word! This is also a way to create motivation for students to join us and clients to invite us to perform. The history & possibilities of Theatre of the Oppressed (and of het Inspiringtheater) is exciting and rich!

- What: lecture
- Costs: €220,-

## COURSE

Regularly Inspiringtheater organizes courses in different participatory theatre techniques. This courses are financial accessible and ideal for international and busy students.



- What: course (4 lessons)
- Costs: €820,-

## CORE ACTORS GROUP

In 2019 we want to get more students actively involved with us. More activities with the input of the students themselves. We focus on keeping this activities in low costs.

What: group that rehearses theatre frequently (stand-alone planned performances).  
Who: coordinator, participants and intern-trainers  
Costs: €1115,- for the whole year.

## EXCHANGE PROGRAMME VIENNA

Last year we got in contact with a Forum Theatre group from Vienna: *Theater der Unterdruckten Wien*. This group is very active and productive. Meeting them and exchanging will be inspiring and motivating for the participants of Inspringtheater. During our exchange programme we will perform our plays for each other and participate together in theatre workshops.

What: visit Vienna to meet *Theater der Unterdruckten Wien*  
Who: coordinator, 4 -5 participants.  
Costs: apply for University Fund Wageningen (UFW).

## WORKSHOP WEEKEND

It's time for a workshop weekend! The last successful workshop weekend has been in 2014. Joining this weekend is a good opportunity with people to stay in touch with Inspringtheater. It's an ideal situation to create more contact with the different theatre groups in Wageningen and other Forum Theatre groups in the Netherlands. We can support each other and work together.

What: 4 interactive theatre workshops in 2 days  
Costs: €320,-

## PROJECT KONINGSTHEATER

*Het Koningstheater* is location theatre, developed by a theatre group from Groningen. The actors improvise scenes while moving through the building/location. This is a unique way of interactive theatre and suits perfect to be performed in a building of the university. For this performance a script is written for the specific location. Inspringtheater wants to bring *Het Koningstheater* to Wageningen. The Building With the Clock could be a decor for an exciting and amusing show, even involving *the existing organisations* in the script.

What: interactive location theatre performance  
Costs: €705,-

## OLD MEMBERS CELEBRATION AND CREATIVITY

Inspringtheater has a rich history. A lot of people joined in activities and performances since the '70's. We want to stay or get in touch with this people. Collecting the stories of *Boerentoneel* and gaining more knowledge and visions of what Inspringtheater was in the past. This will contribute to our vision the possibilities in the future of het Inspringtheater.

What: seek out for Inspiringtheater veterans; collecting stories

## PR

In 2019 we will continue to keep our website and Facebook up -to -date and appeal a large crowd. We will invest by making more promotional material, which is needed for an updated way of making publicity and to stand out.

What: promotional material, update website

Costs: €230,-